Date: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 / Time 9:15 am
To: Ravalli County Commissioners

From: Shaen McElravy

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Re: Settlement Agreement



## County Commissioners,

I wholeheartedly disagree with your offer of settlement with the current lawsuit filed by Lords and other plaintiffs. I disagree with your proposed settlement at this time for the following reasons. 1) You have not allowed any public comment about this settlement 2) You are negating a voter initiative for the 1 per 2 zoning that was passed and effective of law as of November 7th, 2007. 3) This is a deliberate attempt by the current commission to avoid comment by three new commissioners that was inevitable. 4) The delay of not amending the subdivision regulations mandated by law for October 1st 2006 was done by the current commission even though they were warned and then promised to get the revision done which was recorded at a May 2006 planning meeting held in Ravalli County. 5) There is a significant conflict of interest between County Commissioners, Fred Thomas and his insurance carrier to settle this matter prior to public comment. 6) There are significant concerns of conflict of interest as current commissioner Howard Lyons has a lawsuit pending against him and the Board of Realtors. 7) There is a current complaint of discrimination against the County Commissioners being investigated regarding political discrimination. 8) This agreement will set a dangerous precedent for future lawsuits for people that wish to file suit against the county regarding the 1 per 2 initiative.

I am faxing a copy of this to the commissioner's office to be heard at the 10:am meeting on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. I would like this letter to be a part of public record in protest to the proposed settlement.

I also believe that the settlement is without merit because under the MCA's and DEQ guidelines clearly allow them to enforce and regulate that if more stringent regulations are imposed then the developer must abide by the more stringent regulations if the final plat has not been approved. I do not have the time to give you the MCA before your meeting but will direct it to you in the near future. I also emailed you my concerns about the Citizens Guide, which stated the subdivisions were to be homes on 2-acre lots, and there was not any mention of density in the document that you wrote.

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